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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Attorney Docket No. 00-888-J)

In Re Application of:)

Sullenger, B.A., et al.)

Examiner: Jeffrey Fredman

Serial No.: 09/165,514)

Group Art Unit: 1634

Filed: October 2, 1998)

Title: Alteration of Sequence of)

A Target Molecule by)

Ribozyme Catalyzed)

Trans-splicing)

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**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE
ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 9, 2003**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, Applicants enclose two Terminal Disclaimers to address the obviousness-type double patent rejections over U.S. Patent Nos. 5,667,969 and 5,869,254, in view of Tuan et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,126,260. With these Terminal Disclaimers, Applicants respectfully submit that the double-patenting rejections are now moot and the application is in a condition for allowance.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, in an Envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop AF, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 20 day of November 2003.

Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the (Resubmitted) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed October 28, 2003. This is a duplicate of the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 17, 2003. Applicant resubmitted the Information Disclosure Statement following Applicants' representative's telephone conference with Examiner Fredman on October 20, 2003. Examiner Fredman asked Applicants to resubmit the cited references since the Patent Office had lost the references. Applicants request that Examiner Fredman kindly return the initialed PTO Form 1449 with any further action on this matter. If Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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